

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the cookie file includes authorization data.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
selectively modifying data within the cookie file for use with the data processing system.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data processing system is one of a laptop computer, a personal digital assistant, a mobile phone, or a smart card.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the cookie file is received using a wireless communications link.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the cookie file includes information on at least one of sales transactions, user preferences, a history of Web sites visited by a user.
13. (Original) A method in a data processing system for managing cookies, the method comprising:  
receiving a request for a cookie file;  
parsing the request to identify a user associated with the cookie file;  
identifying a particular cookie file associated with the user; and  
transmitting the particular cookie file to the user.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising:  
receiving an updated cookie file for the user; and  
storing the updated cookie file in association with the user.
15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the user is identified by at least one of an Internet Protocol address and a user name in the request.

16. (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising:  
billing the user for maintaining the particular cookie file.
17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein billing is performed on one of a per access basis or a periodic basis.
18. (Original) The method of claim 14 further comprising:  
selling the update cookie file.
19. (Canceled)
20. (Currently Amended) A data processing system comprising:  
a state information repository, wherein state information is [[are]] maintained for users in the state information repository; and  
a Web server, wherein the Web server monitors for requests for cookies from users and returns state information to the users when requests for state information are received.
21. (Original) The data processing system of claim 20, wherein the state information includes at least one of a cookie, a browsing history, and a bookmark.
22. (Currently Amended) A method in a data processing system for managing state information, the method comprising:  
responsive to an event, requesting state information from a source;  
receiving the state information; and  
using the state information to access data on a network data processing system.
23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the event is a first event and further comprising:  
altering the state information in response to accessing the network data processing system to form new state information; and